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I am writing to you to urge the EPA take all appropriate action to discontinue the practice of discharging treated waste water into injection wells in the Lahaina area, and in Kihei for that matter. Environmental impact studies have extensively documented that the Lahaina and Kihei injection wells are introducing nutrient rich water to adjacent coastal waters, thereby feeding the growth of algae and seaweed to the detriment of coral reefs and water clarity, with consequent negative impact on our precious natural resources and beauty, not to mention on the tourist business which is essential to Maui's economic viability.

In addition, if this water could be recycled and used for irrigation purposes, we could reduce the drag on the lao and other aquifers that are being over-pumped, which has also been well documented and I assume is well-known to the EPA.

I suggest that a solution be ordered that would require the development of means to use this treated wastewater so that it can serve two useful purposes: (1) stop ruination of nearby coastal waters while reducing the draw upon over-committed pure water sources. Please do not renew the injection well permits without a plan of action and timeline to correct this unfortunate practice.

Thank you for listening.

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